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JAN 25: BEGIN TEXT WESTERN NATIONS TO DISCUSS SOMALI
ARMS REQUEST

THE FIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES APPROACHED BY SOMALIA
FOR ARMS SUPPLIES TO SUSTAIN ITS CONFLICT WITH ETHIOPIA
ARE TO MEET IN LONDON NEXT TUESDAY TO DISCUSS THE
EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

BRITAIN, FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY
AND ITALY HAVE YET TO REPLY TO THE REQUEST MADE BY
PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE OF SOMALIA, ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS OF
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THE FIVE COUNTRIES HELD A MEETING IN WASHINGTON OVER THE
WEEKEND.

BRITAIN HAS SO FAR NOT SENT ARMS BECAUSE IT IS
CONCERNED ABOUT THE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS BEING MADE BY
SOMALI FORCES IN THE OGADEN DESERT.

BAHRAIN: A HUGE SOVIET AIRLIFT INTO ADEN, REPORTED
TO BE CARRYING ARMS FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO ETHIOPIA, HAS

VIRTUALLY ENDED, AVIATION SOURCES SAID HERE.

IT WAS RUNNING AT ONE FLIGHT A DAY LAST MONTH, BUT ONLY THREE ANTONOV TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT IN THE COLOURS OF THE SOVIET AIRLINE AEROFLOT HAVE TAKEN THE ROUTE OVER THE GULF TO THE SOUTH YEMENI CAPITAL THIS MONTH, THE SOURCES SAID. THE LAST WAS ON JANUARY 19.

BAHRAIN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS SAID THE FLIGHTS WERE A POTENTIAL HAZARD TO INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS USUALLY CUT CONTACT WITH THEM WHEN APPROACHING THE COAST OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

WASHINGTON: THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA HAS STOPPED ANSWERING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM JOURNALISTS OUTSIDE ETHIOPIA ASKING ABOUT EVENTS INSIDE THE COUNTRY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID. THE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. REUTER END TEXT.

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